

The container means 1 can have a secondary use as a seat, suitably furnished with a cushion (**not shown**). Placed side by side, the storage and conditioning containers have the appearance and dual application of a bench for extra seating. Stacked vertically the container means 1 can be made to appear as tall chest.

Thus the advantage of this invention are not only seen in the effective camouflaging of the hunter's clothing and gear from detection by big game with keen senses, but also in the provision of an attractive and functional piece of furniture.

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A device for conditioning articles of clothing including a container means,

said container means including a top and bottom, and at least four sides cooperating to define an inner space,

said inner space including at least one clothing storage area for receiving articles of clothing to be conditioned,

said inner space further including at least one compartment means for the temporary placement of natural scent-source materials,

at least one panel means serving to separate said at least one compartment means from said at least one clothing storage area,

said at least one panel means further provided with passage means permitting natural and unforced circulation of scent-laden air to said at least one clothing article storage area,

means for closing said container means to permit conditioning to take place.

2. The device in claim 1 wherein said means for closing said container means is a lid,

said container means includes an upper-most area and bottom-most area,

said at least one panel means is positioned adjacent to said bottom-most area, but spaced from said bottom to thus define said at least one compartment means, so as to support said articles while separating said articles from said natural scent-source materials.

3. The device in claim 2 wherein said at least one panel means is supported for adjustment, so as to be moved adjacent and apart from said natural scent-source materials, permitting access to said scent-source materials.

4. The device of claim 2 wherein said at least one panel means includes a frame structure to which a wire-like mesh is attached, thus forming said passage means for scent-laden air.

5. The device in claim 1 wherein said means for closing said container means is a lid, said container means includes an upper-most area and bottom-most area,

said at least one panel means is positioned adjacent to said upper-most area to thus define said at least one compartment means, so as to support said natural scent-source materials in a position separated from said articles of clothing.

6. The device of claim 5 wherein said at least one panel means fits within said lid, and is fastened thereto,

said one panel means includes a frame structure to which a wire-like mesh is attached, thus forming said passage means for scent-laden air.

7. The device of claim 6 wherein said frame structure further includes a closure means temporarily affixed thereto,

said closure means is located on a side thereof remote from said inner space and adjacent an inner surface of the lid,

said closure means holding said natural scent-source materials in place as said lid is moved to an open position.

8. The device of claim 7 wherein said one panel means is supported for adjustment, so as to be moved to positions adjacent and apart from said lid, permitting access to, and said scented materials through said closure means.

9. A device for conditioning articles of clothing including a container means,

said container means includes a top and bottom, and at least four sides cooperating to define an inner space,

said inner space including at least one clothing storage area for receiving articles of clothing to be conditioned,

said inner space further including at least one compartment means for the temporary placement of natural scent-source materials,

at least one panel means serving to separate said at least one compartment means from said at least one clothing storage area,

said at least one panel means provided with passage means permitting natural and unforced circulation of scent-laden air to said one clothing storage area,

means for closing said container means to permit conditioning to take place.

10. A device for conditioning articles of clothing including a container means,

said container means including a top and bottom, and at least four sides cooperating to define an inner space,

said top includes a lid for closing said container means to permit conditioning to take place,

said inner space of said container means further including an upper-most area and bottom-most area, and at least one clothing storage area for receiving articles of clothing to be conditioned,

first panel means positioned adjacent to said bottom-most area, for supporting thereon the clothing to be conditioned,

said first panel means spaced from said bottom and defining therewith at least one compartment means for temporary storage of natural scent-source materials near but out of contact with said clothing articles,

said first panel means further provided with passage means permitting natural and unforced circulation of scent-laden air to said at least one clothing article storage area,

a second panel means positioned adjacent to said upper-most area to thus define a second compartment means for storage and support of natural scent-source materials in a position near to but separated from said articles of clothing,

said second panel means provided with passage means permitting natural and unforced circulation of scent-laden air to said at least one clothing article storage area,

said first and second panel means are adjustable so as to facilitate the insertion of clothing articles to be conditioned, and to provide access to the first and second compartments,

said container means, when articles of clothing to be conditioned are placed therein and said natural scent-source materials are placed within the first and second compartment

means, thus serves to condition said articles of clothing to impart a camouflaging scent thereto.

11. A method of conditioning articles of hunter's clothing and gear to camouflage the scent of said clothing and gear prior to a hunt including the steps of

gathering a collection of natural scent-source materials from a prospective hunt site,

providing a container means with an inner space that includes a holding area for hunter's clothing articles and other gear, all of which is to be conditioned,

further providing said inner space with at least one container means within said inner space for temporary storage of said natural scent-source materials,

placing a panel means with passages therethrough within the space to separate the clothing article space from the scent-source material while affording unforced flow of scent-laden air from the materials to the clothing articles,

placing said articles of hunter's clothing and gear near said panel means,

closing said container means to allow for the conditioning to take effect,

opening the container means and removing the conditioned articles of clothing, using said conditioned and scent-camouflaged hunter's clothing and gear in a hunt with the result that the quarry game cannot easily detect human-associated odors therefrom.

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